

Dear: Colleagues

Social Security needs your help finding people in your community who are having difficulties paying for prescription drug medications.

In 2008, Congress passed the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) which changed the eligibility rules for the Low Income Subsidy (LIS) for Medicare Part D program. Effective 1/1/10, we will no longer count:

- Assistance received for household expenses as income
- Life Insurance policies as a resource

These changes in the law may allow more people on <u>Medicare</u> to qualify for assistance with prescription drug costs through our "Extra Help" program. We believe the information in the enclosed brochure will benefit your friends, relatives, and your community.

We are asking you to include this information in your monthly newsletters, contacts and bulletins. Please help us spread the word that there may be financial help for Medicare beneficiaries to cover the costs associated with prescription drug coverage.

This message is particularly important this time of years as we approach Mother's Day. What better gift can someone give then helping a person in need? So this Mother's Day, help your mom or any mother save up to \$3,900 a year on her prescription drugs. Long after the candy and flowers are gone, the "Extra Help" through Social Security will keep on giving.

Thank you for your assistance.

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